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***Testimony Proposed Bill 5898 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN WITH ASTHMA AND ALLERGIES***

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***Thank you to Senator Gerratana and Representative Ritter for the opportunity to submit testimony on Proposed Bill 5898 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN WITH ASTHMA AND ALLERGIES.***

Purpose: To require the disclosure to the Department of Public Health of any asthma or allergies testing results of children entering school who have chronic respiratory issues, asthma or allergies.

The Association of School Nurses of Connecticut supports this bill according to the requirements for release of health information. The results referenced in the proposed bill must come from the physician or primary health care provider directly to the Department of Public Health in accordance with the requirements for releasing medical information. No such information can be released by any third party.

The reporting of this information in an organized cohesive manner will facilitate the development of a Database to support community health programming, research and funding. It will create a cohesive, organized approach that maintains confidentiality according to the laws that guide the sharing of medical information.

Therefore, the Association of School Nurses asks you to support **Proposed Bill 5898 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN WITH ASTHMA AND ALLERGIES.**

Thank you.

